85.3 % of support staff vote strike

By JOE WALLACE
Staff Writer

A strike by Niagara College support staff appears likely after they voted an estimated 85 per cent in favor of striking last night.

College support staff, members of local 243, Ontario Public Service Employees Union, (OPSEU), will be in a legal position to strike Jan. 22.

Provincial results for the strike vote were not available at press time, although union officials expect an 82 per cent vote in favor of the strike.

"Far out," an ecstatic Kay Steele, president of the college local, said.

She was glad that the support staff had "continued to express the solidarity that we have maintained throughout the current negotiations.

"Provincially, a solid mandate is expected for the strike vote," she said. "What we at Niagara College have done is to strengthen the mandate of the negotiating team."

But a solid vote against a strike across the province would mean the support staff would not go on strike.

The college local met Tuesday night to elect members of strike subcommittees, and a meeting held Jan. 6 on strike administration was well attended by union members, Mrs. Steele said.

Mrs. Steele said the favorable strike vote means "we (support staff), for the first time, evinced our discontent with the unenviable position at the bottom pecking order for wages and benefits in the college system."

Support staff has been working without a contract since the end of August.

Ross Kennedy, fact-finder in the dispute, said the point separating the two parties is wages. Both sides agree on a 2.78 per cent increase from September to December of 1978. The union sought a 14.5 per cent increase in January, but its demands have changed to seven per cent.

The latest management offer is 2.78 per cent from Sept. 1 to March 31, and a six per cent increase from April 1 to Aug. 31 this year. The union claims the difference between what it wants and what management is offering, including fringe benefits, is 10 per cent.

Support staff also seek an extra week's vacation and better contract language, Mrs. Steele said.

The 123-member support staff is made up of secretaries, technicians and some maintenance staff.

Contract negotiations which broke off Aug. 8 resumed in early November after the union turned down the colleges' offer by a 96 per cent margin on Oct. 21. Those talks broke off in late November and a union negotiator said the sides were "miles apart" on the issues of wages and fringe benefits.

B. of G. appoints four

By JOE WALLACE
Staff Writer

One-quarter of the Niagara College Board of Governors has been replaced.

Four people — three men and a woman — were appointed last week to serve on the Board.

They are Dr. Jacques Dubois, Welland; Barbara Ann Troup, Jordan Station; Rev. David Foley, Welland, and George W.B. Hostetter, Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Dr. Dubois and Mrs. Troup are full-term members, replacing W. H. Burton and Don Wilson who are not returning.

Their terms expire December, 1982. Fr. Foley and Mr. Hostetter are partial term members, replacing Welland mayor Eugene Stranges and the late Dr. Leo Sturgeon. Their terms end in December, 1980.

Dr. Dubois is a coroner in Welland and member of the Welland County Medical Society and Richelieu Club. He served as president of medical staff at the Welland County General Hospital.

He was member of the Welland and Niagara South Boards of Education and chairman of the Ministry of Health's task force into French language medical services in Ontario. He attended the Universities of Ottawa and Montreal.

Mrs. Troup, a pre-school teacher is chairman of the Lincoln Library Board and a member of the Association for Early Childhood Education.

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It's the Year of the Child

This pretty young pixie could be used to signify the start of the United Nations International Year of the Child. The year has been dedicated to youth around the world, much in the same way 1975 was dedicated to women. This girl, photographed at a Welland day care centre, symbolizes all that is good about young children in the world today. Anyone who has experienced the warmth and feeling of a child's love can surely appreciate the vital role that children play in our world. Please don't take the sparkle out of this little girl's eyes, support children in their year. (Photo by Righton)

Tuition to rise $20 next year

By MICHAEL PLONER
Staff Writer

A five per cent increase in operating grants for next year to post-secondary institutions will not keep pace with the inflation and enrolment rates, Jacqueline Robarts, Niagara College president, said.

"Obviously if we only get five per cent we won't have enough money to do what we are doing now; something has to be cut," Miss Robarts said.

Niagara tuition fees will also increase next year. Students will pay $10 more per semester, Miss Robarts said.

The fee increase is in conjuction with the operating grant increase of five per cent announced by Dr. Bette Stephenson, minister of colleges and universities. Niagara College will receive about $650,000 above this year's grant.

WILL FORCE CUTBACKS

Miss Robarts said the five per cent increase will force cutbacks in spending next year. Miss Robarts said she is not sure where the restraints will be made because Niagara's budget is being prepared for next year.

The appropriation for staff salaries takes about 80 to 85 per cent of the total operating costs and Miss Robarts said she expects salaries to increase by six to 10 per cent.

The operating grant of five per cent is not expected to cover the nine per cent inflation rate, (Niagara's) enrolment increase and the anticipated salary increases.

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Student registration increased by 6.5 per cent at Niagara College in 1978. "Tuition fees didn't pay for the 6.5 per cent increase at Niagara," Miss Robarts said. "It's like we're being penalized for growing."

Student lab fees may have to be increased in some programs next year because of the small grant increase. "It could happen but we aren't predicting it here. We'll try our best not to increase lab fees," Miss Robarts said.

Miriam Edelson, chairperson of the 160,000-member Ontario Federation of Students of which Niagara is not a member, said in a news release "increasing their grants by only about five per cent drives yet another nail into the coffin of quality education. This severe under funding will cause cutbacks of unprededented magnitude."

BIT LIKE PEANUTS

Miss Robarts said she hoped a shift in money allocation would

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No comedy, SAC vital, Jeff replies

By DOUG SMITH
Staff Writer

A Student Administrative Council (SAC) meeting is not "one of the best comedy acts of this century," as one student says, but it (a meeting) is "about as important to the students as a Board of Governors meeting is to the whole college," SAC president Jeff Adamson says.

Pauline Landry, second year library technician student, in a letter to the editor of the Niagara News says, "A great percentage of the students at this college are missing out on one of the best comedy acts of this century. . . a SAC meeting."

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ECE co-op between NC, Brock set for fall

After six years of planning, a co-operative program in Early Childhood Education (ECE) between Niagara College and Brock University is to start next September.

The program offers Niagara graduates of ECE a chance for a Bachelor of Arts or Education degree and Brock graduates the opportunity to obtain a diploma in their specialized field.

Dr. William Matheson, dean of social sciences at Brock, said the Niagara students, upon graduation, would take 11 credits at Brock for a BA and 13 for a Bachelor of Education degree. He said it would be possible to take two credits over the summer and make the time to get either of the degrees two years.

Margaret Hamilton, program co-ordinator for ECE, said people coming from Brock would get credit for courses they took there and the course content at both institutions will match.

NO MONEY EARLIER

I.J. Giancarlo, dean of applied arts, said Brock was unable to get the money earlier because of financial restraints. Dr. Matheson said Brock was able to arrange for the co-op through some "internal rearranging" in the education department this year.

Niagara and Brock representatives agree the program is not slanted toward either institution, and Dr. Matheson called it a "reciprocal thing."

All three individuals expressed their pleasure about the program and are looking forward to its beginning.

They said much of the work was done by a task force consisting of representatives from school boards, provincial government agencies, faculty from both schools and as Dr. Matheson said, "lots of input from people in the business."

Mr. Giancarlo said Niagara is interested "in any co-op that will benefit students," and Niagara has always had a good relationship with Brock.

More keystrokes on paper tape for typesetters in Graphic Arts

The Niagara College Graphic Arts department has received a donation of four photo-computer typesetting keyboards from the St. Catharines Standard.

While the addition of the machines has enthused graphic arts instructor Henry Dirks, he would now like to see the college acquire a photo computerized typesetter to make the keyboards more viable.

"It's a tremendous boost for the students and for practical experience," Mr. Dirks said. "These four machines allow more students to actually put keystrokes on paper tape."

The four keyboards permit the students to learn the keyboard but they cannot be put into use unless they are hooked up to a photo computerized typesetter.

LARGE MEMORY

This unit would provide a reader for the keyboard tape, a video screen for corrections and a memory, or "floppy", disc capable of storing up to 300,000 different characters. One punch of a key would locate any one of the characters on the disc.

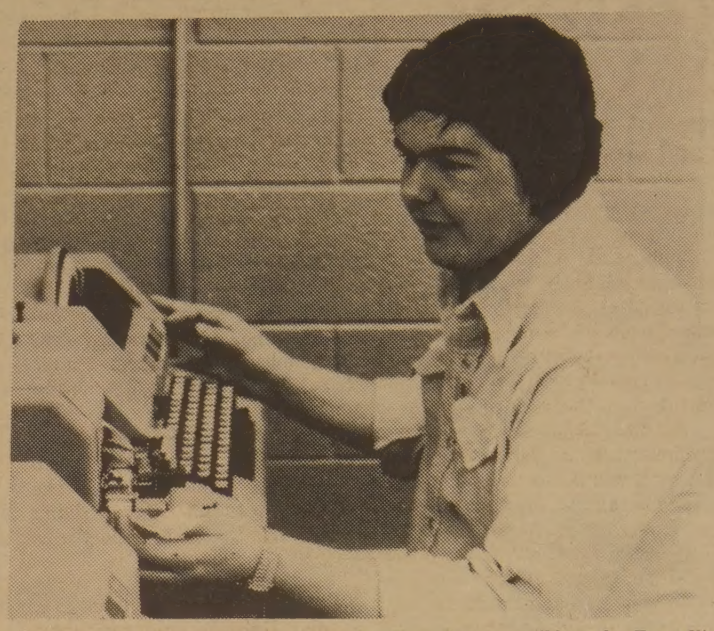
Of the businesses that would use the old linotype method, capable of producing a finished copy at six lines a minute, 95 per cent of them are switching or have already switched to the newer models. These machines can produce copy at a rate of 80 lines a minute and, in the future, 300 lines a minute on up to 10,000 lines a minute.

"The photo computer typesetter reads tape at a fantastically fast speed and puts it into memory and/or types it on photographic paper in just about any size or style of type you may want to put it into," Mr. Dirks said.

Mr. Dirks' typography course prepares students to become typesetters, a field in which the demand is steadily increasing. The addition of these machines would go a long way in assuring a number of students practical job experience when they leave the college.

The machines can be rented at a reasonable price and Mr. Dirks is hoping for assistance from the college.

"I hope the college will see fit to give it to us," he said.



Student Tom Keppy tries out new keyboards. (Photo by Powell)

Bus ride to Mexico no bed of roses

By PETER EPP
Staff Writer

In these days of 70-minute flights and whirlwind tours, one doesn't always have the chance to put his feet up for 66 hours and travel to Mexico on a bus.

I had that opportunity this past Christmas season and wouldn't wish it upon my worst enemy.

Unless of course he wouldn't mind being confined to a hard-pressed vinyl seat designed for contortionists.

I was travelling to a small oil-refining town on the Gulf of Mexico called Tampico with an organization called Operation Mobilisation. We were to sell and give away Christian literature to the people in the surrounding towns and villages.

The bus trip there and back was but a fraction of the time spent away from Canada, yet it held just as many memorable experiences as Mexico itself.

The bus we travelled on wasn't one on those monolithic moving castles with toilets and reclining seats. It was a simple school bus used for scenic tours in the Honeymoon City and was aptly named the Love Machine.

And the seat I sat upon was anything but comfortable. It was the seat situated over the rear wheels of the bus - notorious for producing grimacing pain and an swaggering walk inherent to geese.

Since space was at a premium, sleeping was near to impossible. Everybody made themselves as comfortable as can be expected. Coveted floor positions were quickly snapped up at sunset.

LAMENT FOR A LULLABY

The only ensurance of a good 40 winks was to sleep on the baggage and sleeping bags towards the back of the bus.

And any sleep acquired was limited to two hour intervals - the time at which refueling took place.

It was during these brief moments of physical freedom that one could actually talk to the Americans - especially the citizens of the south.

They were incredibly predictable; from the Memphis gas station attendant who had the Elvis Lip to the girl in the McDonald's in Texas who thought Canadian bills were travellers cheques.

Fuel stops also provided time for hurried washroom visits. It was only during the return trip we discovered that people do not need three meals a day while travelling on a bus.

Reading and writing were largely impossible because of the sway of the bus. I tried to focus my attention on the passing scenery, but usually the action inside the bus was better. Thirty perspiring people with three-day beards (I suspect it was dirt on the girls) have more human drama than the skyline of Cincinnati or the Texas horizon.

Usually the highlight of a travelling day was when we pulled into a parking lot under the familiar golden arches. McDonald's provided a welcome relief in a foreign land with foreign burger houses.

MEMORABLE BREAKFASTS

The only other eating was breakfast on the bus. This involved passing around a bag of granola. I ate so much fibre that when I die I'm sure they'll find my age by counting the rings around my tibia.

The route taken to Mexico was as direct as could be.

We left St. Catharines early Saturday morning, picked up people throughout southern Ontario and arrived at the Windsor-Detroit border by mid-afternoon. From there it was Toledo, Dayton, Cincinnati and over to Kentucky and Tennessee.

Sunday morning found us in Memphis with weather reminiscent of October.

Arkansas was the nicest state we went through. This could be for a variety of reasons. It was one of the few states we saw in daylight. More importantly, we were provided with showers in Melvern, a small town just past Little Rock.

Texas was a miserable state. It took about 15 hours to travel through and all we saw for our trouble was miles of horizon and a truck in front sporting a patriotic bumper sticker.

We arrived at the Mexican border by Monday morning.

A sign on the rented bus which repeatedly provoked laughter, asked passengers not to tip the driver if their tour was not entirely satisfactory. He didn't even receive a peso.

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She was an alderman for the Town of Lincoln for two years and a Public School Trustee in the former township of Louth. She attended Guelph University and University of Toronto.

Fr. Foley, head of History at Notre Dame College High School, is a member of the finance committee for Notre Dame's Board of Governors.

He was on the executive of Ontario's English Catholic Teachers Association for 10 years, two years as president. He attended the University of Notre Dame in Indiana, and Holy Cross College in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Hostetter, director of research at Brights Wines, is a member of the Niagara District Airport Commission, director of the Horticultural Council of Canada and chairman of the research committee of the Wine Council of Ontario.

He was a member of the Niagara District School Board for six years and a member of the Niagara-on-the-Lake Hospital Board.He was national councillor for Ontario on the Agricultural Institute of Canada and an executive for the Ontario Institute of Agrologists. He was educated at the University of Toronto.

Literary Contest

The first Niagara College Literary Contest, open to all full-time and part-time students, will be held this term.

The contest is divided into two categories — fiction and non-fiction. Fiction submissions may be made under the following sub-categories: poetry, short stories, plays and radio and TV scripts. Non-fiction submissions may be essays, scientific reports, surveys and investigative reports.

Maximum length for any submission should not exceed 10 typewritten pages, double spaced.

Submissions will be initially examined for their literary value by a team of judges. The best selections will be further examined by a different team of judges to decide on winners. Most of the judges will be members of the College faculty; some will be drawn from outside. Decisions of the judges will be final.

One prize will be awarded for the best submission under non-fiction and two prizes for the best submissions under fiction.

Depending on the quality of the work, as many as six submissions may be entitled to receive "Honourable Mention."

Submissions should be made on or before Friday, March 23. Late submissions will not be accepted. Submissions should be delivered or addressed to the Secretaries of the Schools of Applied Arts, Health Sciences, Technology, and Retraining.

Please attach to your submission on a separate sheet your name, address, student number, telephone number, and the title of your submission.

Your submission will be given to the judges along with your student number. Your names will be concealed to protect your identity. No student can present more than one submission. Winners will be announced in the last Winter edition of the Niagara News.

Energy consumption on the increase

There was a significant unexplained increase in energy consumption in September, 1978, as opposed to September, 1977, Jack Spittle, manager of plant and property, said.

Mr. Spittle said he is concerned about the increase because few, if any, additions have been made to the campus during this period. Management committee members suggested that the increase might be attributed to higher student intake in courses where power usage is necessary, such as welding, machine shop and metallurgy. There may also be more usage of lights and equipment from increased continuing education activity in the evening.

"There has been little out-and-out wastage but I am still not satisfied with the management committee's explanations. If you walked through the Simcoe bulding at any given time, you probably would find at least six classrooms with all the lights on and no students," he said.

Mr. Spittle said it costs about $250 to $270 a day to maintain the temperature of the Simcoe, Merritt, Lundy and Voyageur buildings when the temperature outside is between 5 and 10 degrees Celsius. The cost rises when the temperature drops and an increase in consumption is noticeable, he said.

Mr. Spittle said by turning off lights in empty classrooms and closing doors, energy consumption may be reduced.

Receives degree

Margaret Hamilton, coordinator of the early childhood education program, has just received her master's degree in education from the State University of New York, Buffalo.

Weather

Freezing frigid flurries

Forecast for today is snow, an expected two to five cm accumulation. Highs today should reach -4 to -7 with bone-chilling easterly winds. Lows for tonight are expected to be -7 to -10 degrees after the temperature dipped to -16 last night.

Weekend forecast is mostly cloudy with occasional snow Saturday and Sunday, with highs expected around the -3 to -5 range and lows to -7 and -10.

Colder weather is expected to return to the area Monday, with high temperatures in the -7 to -9 range and lows to -10 to -15.

SKI TRIP

The Student Administrative Council (SAC) will sponsor a ski trip to Barrie Feb. 16.

Tickets go on sale Monday at the SAC office.

Plays, cabaret to highlight Celebrate Canada festival

By DOUG SMITH
Staff Writer

While Canada has been called a salad bowl of different heritages, it is a combination of this rich ethnic background that makes this country what it is today, and the third annual Celebrate Canada Festival will show the true Canadian identity through a variety of art displays, films, plays, poets and other happenings.

The festival, to be held at Niagara Feb. 15-17, will combine poets and novelists, plays and symphonies, arts and crafts displays along with a host of other things and give local residents a glimpse at our rich heritage.

With any celebration, the finale is probably the highlight of the entire festival, and this one will be no exception. An Italian cabaret evening will cap off the festival, Saturday, Feb. 17, in the Black Walnut Building.

ENTERTAINING GROUP

A group of 80 Italian musicians, singers, dancers and comedians, Allegria, will perform at the cabaret, and festival coordinator Sylvia Baago terms the band "quite an entertaining group."

The featured speaker at the festival will be world-renowned geriatric specialist, Dr. Joyce Boillat. Dr. Boillat will give two lectures on the Development of Geriatric Care, one on Feb. 15 at 7:30 p.m. and one Feb. 16.

Dr. Boillat is a member of various geriatric and gerantological societies as well as being a lecturer on family medicine at McGill University in Montreal.

TWO SEMINARS

Two seminars, dealing with child abuse and crib deaths, will be held during the festival to inform concerned citizens, college staff and students.

The child abuse seminar will be conducted by John Hartman, chairman of the Interprofessional Committee on Child Abuse, and will be held to promote awareness of child abuse in the Niagara peninsula.

A Canadian film on the subject will be shown and a panel, comprising representatives from education, child welfare services, law enforcement agencies and health care services, will discuss the film and answer questions from the audience.

The crib death seminar will be conducted by Danielle Lostracco and will include a talk on Ms Lostracco's personal experience with the subject as well as a definition of the purposes of the Canadian Foundation for the Study of Infant Death, a film and a question and answer period.

The child abuse seminar will be held Feb. 16 from 2-4 p.m. in the Lundy Building, with the crib death seminar to follow in the same location.

POETRY READINGS

Canadian poetry will highlight the morning of Feb. 16 as James Reaney and Coleen Thibodeau will give readings of native poetic work in the Secord room of the Lundy Building at 11:15 a.m.

For all would-be artists, noted Canadian artist Ruth White will give a "Humorous Introduction to Drawing and Painting" in two speeches, one Feb. 15 at 7 p.m. and one Feb. 16, also at 7 p.m.

Kicking off the festival at 8:30 a.m. Feb. 15, will be a display put on by the Ontario Science Centre. Included in the display will be a scanning electron microscope, with three dimension viewing; a human reproduction display, and slides and films dealing with the evolution of man. This display will also be held the next day at the same time.

The festival is not entirely geared towards adults as a display will be set up by the Ontario Botanical Gardens to educate children about nature.

FOR CHILDREN

Called the Magic Pen, it is a program for children aged three to 12 to learn about birds, animals and wildflowers. The younger children, age three to six, can see a display aimed at them from 11 a.m. to 12 noon Saturday, while kids seven to 12 can learn about nature from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. the same day.

The St. Catharines Symphony Orchestra, while not putting on a concert, will perform throughout the festival. An open rehearsal, on Feb. 16 at 7 p.m. in the Tecumseh foyer, will feature the music of Scott Joplin and the symphony's roving ensemble will perform during the three days of the festival.

The official opening of the festival will be held Thursday, Feb. 15, at 10:30 a.m. in the Hamilton Room with a guest speaker still to be announced.

College would not close because of strike: Jackie

By MICHAEL PLONER
Staff Writer

A Niagara College support staff strike would not force the college to close down, Jacqueline Robarts, Niagara College president, said.

Miss Robarts said the college might close if faculty union members decided to show their support by honoring support staff picket lines.

Both the support staff and faculty union members are affiliated with the Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU).

Kay Steele, president of local 243, said the support staff union would lose all credibility at the bargaining table if it didn't strike. The union is legally able to strike on Jan. 22.

NOT MUCH BARGAINING

Miss Robarts said the union should try to prove the bargaining process can work. "It's my understanding not much bargaining has been going on." She said it would be unfortunate if the support staff union is used to prove something.

Miss Robarts said the cleaning, security and food services are all contracted and would not be affected by a support staff strike. She said Jack Spittle, plant and property manager, and a non-union maintenance man would be able to handle boiler room problems if they occurred during a support staff strike.

"If we have a strike we would have a slow down of services," Miss Robarts said.

BILLS SLOW

"It would be difficult to meet the demands of creditors because of the accounts payable staff," Miss Robarts said. The accounts payable department would fall behind and Niagara's bills wouldn't be paid on time, Miss Robarts said.

Miss Robarts said she felt the strike would come at a bad time if it came after Christmas. She said she thought many would not be able to afford a strike shortly after Christmas.

Miss Robarts said the payroll would be processed by available staff and no delay would be caused in salary payments.

Poor turnout halts changes, SAC ponders another way

The Student Administrative Council (SAC) will have to try a different way to effect changes in its constitution after a second attempt to get enough students to attend a general meeting failed Tuesday.

"Now that we've tried it twice and it doesn't work, we'll have to try a different route," Jeff Adamson, SAC president, told the 31 people who attended the meeting.

Five per cent of the student body, or about 125 students, would have to attend a general meeting before any voting on constitutional changes could be done.

To publicize the last meeting, SAC distributed notices to most of the students but this effort failed to bring enough students to the meeting in the Hamilton room.

SAC has suggested holding the next general meeting, Jan. 23, in the cafeteria, to have the required number of students present.

The changes SAC is trying to bring about are an increase in honorariums for council members adding the club convener to the executive, lowering the number of students necessary to effect these changes from five to three per cent and combining two secretarial positions into one.

Win a hand-hooked area rug made by the president of Niagara College, Jackie Robarts!

Tickets are available now at:

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Welland Vale office
SAC office
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S210 and
divisional secretaries
Additional info 377

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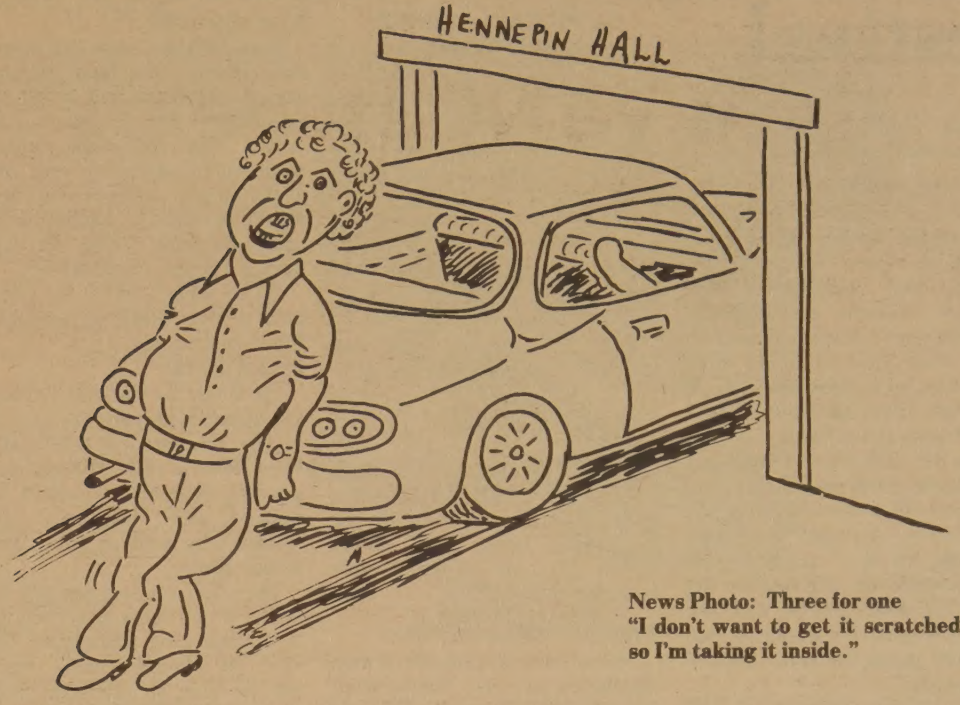

News Photo: Three for one
"I don't want to get it scratched so I'm taking it inside."

BULLPIT: Can education survive?

By MICHAEL PLONER
Staff Writer

We're really fortunate, you know. At the present time we are receiving the finest education money can buy. Supplies, instructors, equipment and techniques are more sophisticated than ever before. Our standard of education ranks among the highest in the world.

The Ontario government is doing its best to change that situation. Dr. Bette Stephenson, minister of colleges and universities, has announced another funding increase that falls well below rationality.

Post-secondary institutions across Ontario will receive a five per cent increase in operating grants from the government.

The inflation rate is estimated at about nine per cent and the enrolment rate at Niagara College is climbing at about six per cent a year. How does the government expect its educational institutions to provide the same high standard of education when they underfund to such a degree?

It is estimated that the operating grants afforded colleges and universities will force 250 to 350 faculty cuts. Students next year will have fewer teachers and larger classes.

The faculty cuts are not all the students will suffer from. The small funding increases will force many colleges and universities to raise their tuition fees as well as decrease their supply and equipment purchases.

FORCED ECONOMIES

Books for libraries won't be purchased, new instructors won't be hired, teaching techniques will become stagnant and equipment will become obsolete.

Miriam Edelson, chairperson of the Ontario Federation of Students, said, "University research activity will be severely hampered at a time when everyone agrees that research has to be stimulated to allow our economy to keep pace. The Scientific Expenditures Price Index, used to measure basic research costs, is increasing by 10 per cent a year — how will universities contend with that?"

How will they indeed? And how will community colleges contend with enrolment increases that force cutbacks even further? If the percentage of students entering the college system increases more than the percentage of money appropriated each year, how can colleges possibly expect to maintain high quality education?

The college of the future? Fifty students per class. All supplies and equipment funded by the students and tuitions exceeding $500 a term.

It really isn't that far off. If the operating grants continue as they have been, the education of young people in Ontario will become a farce.

Strike a touchy issue

Strike votes are always a touchy subject in this day of labor-management confrontations. Niagara's support staff is exercising its legally recognized right.

Whether others agree with their decision or not is partly what a "democratic" society is about. Without the freedom to act on the grievances a vicious circle of discontent and non-productivity results. Likewise when the right is misused, public discontent ensues.

Strike votes tend to have a ripple effect. Not only are the immediate families affected, but also those who depend upon the services. Students, faculty and outside contractors may be put in a difficult position of having to choose among the contentious parties.

The decision to strike is rarely arrived at quickly or easily or for a single reason. Principles play as important a role as dollars and cents. Striking to maintain credibility may be a gamble if rational behavior doesn't prevail.

Education is a collective effort. Ill will and a disintegration of co-operation are the worst side effects of strike action. We hope that cool heads and intelligent awareness of the volatility of the situation will predominate. Winning the battle but losing the war is hardly a victory. **Phyllis Barnatt**

Snowblowers: yech!

A Niagara News reporter did some research on the snowblower market just before Christmas. Her legwork revealed that snowblower sales have never been better. Curses.

I'd hoped these winterized lawnmowers were just a fad. Surely people would realize these snow-spewing monsters were best ignored, and that nothing can match the satisfaction and the healthy glow that comes with the skilled swish of a silver shovel.

But no, sales in Niagara are booming. Some stores surveyed had sold their entire herd of the savage beasts, and were waiting for manufacturers' new shipments.

And it's a meaner beast. Apparently last year, the most popular machines had five horsepower. But the glimmeiring '78-'79 models are boasting eight to 10 raging horses. Like marine outboard motors, the race is on. . . with the first manufacturer to introduce the triple-digit power plant declared the winner.

Snowblowers make a tremendous racket — and like their cousin the snowmobile, they have a nasty habit of knifing through the winter stillness at the worst times.

There was a snowfall this past Sunday evening — the soft, fluffy, big-flaked kind. Just the type that lures one out for an evening walk, to enjoy the way soft living-room lights and streetlamps sparkle on the new snow beneath them.

Until, from blocks down the street, a wail fills the air and shatters the stroller's wintry stillness. It's the cry of the humming homeowner, at the helm of his shimmering chrome snow sucker.

No matter that there's a scant three centimetres of snow on his driveway. The burly Skidoo-suit-clad chap has paid $600 for his machine and, by God, he's going to put it to work.

Shift into forward. Roar 15 feet down the pavement. Grind into neutral and drag the tank back for another 18-inch-wide attack.

The roar of the thrashing blades starts to fade as the frustrated evening explorer retreats a couple of blocks down the street. A big hole has been blown in his effort to get a taste of that magical — and now elusive — winter tranquility.

Of course, there is a positive side to snowblowers. For the elderly, or those with heart problems, they're a real help. I suppose they even create some jobs in the manufacturing sector.

But selfishly, I hope few of the mechanized flurry-fighters find their way into my neighborhood.

Paul Wilson

Three for one

The driver of this car didn't want to get his shiny auto scratched by thoughtless people parking too close, so he took up three parking spaces instead of the usual one, even though parking spaces are designed to accommodate the largest of cars driven onto the campus. Of course, his thoughtlessness deprived two other drivers of parking spaces at a time when parking space is lessened by snow banks. But he paid for it. The car was ticketed by the bylaw enforcement officer soon after this picture was taken. (Photo by Ventresca)

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

This letter is written in response to the complaints of fellow journalism students about the letter published in the Christmas edition of the Niagara News. Two students, who hid their identity, irresponsibly remarked how the cafeteria tables are cleaned.

The lady who cleans the cafeteria tables and ashtrays uses separate dish cloths and buckets, and leaves the tables spotless.

I have used the cafeteria facilities since September and not once in four months have I ever seen an ashy smear on any table.

The letter published in the Christmas edition may have had a damper effect on the holiday spirit for this lady but, at least she can continue in '79 knowing that the letter was not supported by the students of Niagara College and it is a shame it was printed in the Niagara News.

Keep up the good work, Nellie!

Steve Savoia
1st year Journalism

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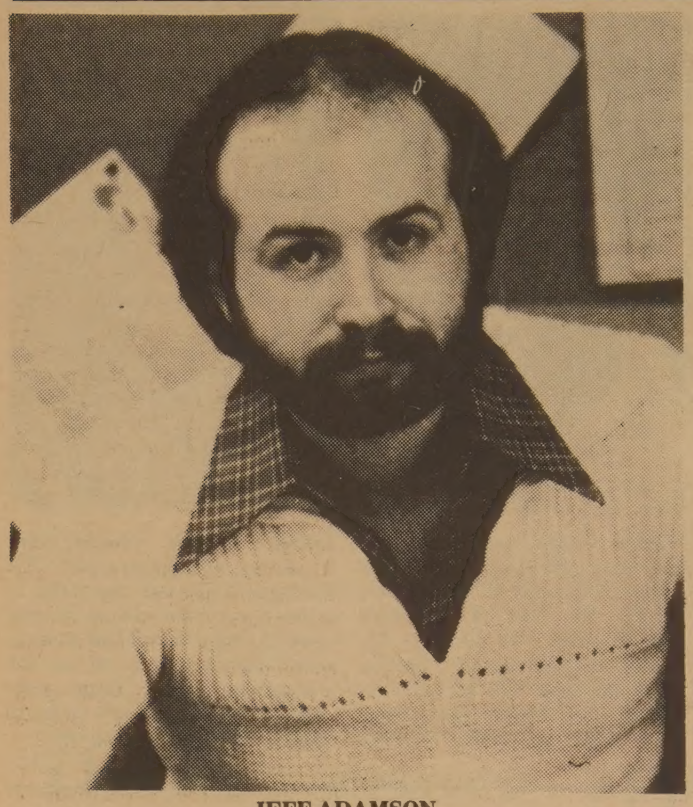

JEFF ADAMSON

Adamson's goal

Involve NC students

Holding two jobs at once can be precarious, but for a student it can be doubly dangerous. Just ask Jeff Adamson.

Jeff, the Student Administrative Council (SAC) president, combines a 23-hour school work week with the demanding task of running SAC and finds that although "it's difficult, school comes first, it has to."

The 23-year-old Brantford native took the SAC job "just to get involved and see what I could do to correct the problems" at the college.

Although the council position has its drawbacks, Jeff feels the experience itself is an advantage of the job.

"It's good experience for sure, especially working with seven other people in the office and various people in the college."

Jeff, a third year financial management student, came into the job with the main goal of strengthening ties between satellites and the main campus and he feels he has reached that goal.

Gave up hockey

An avid hockey fan and player, Jeff found the grind of trying to combine varsity hockey with his other jobs too much and gave up his ice career.

An injury also cut short his hockey ambitons and he said he didn't know whether it was an omen or not" but he gave it up anyway.

Other than hockey Jeff enjoys race horses because his brother owns two and hopes to continue with this hobby after graduating from Niagara.

"Basically, the job is what I expected," he said. "I knew it would be difficult but you have to take the good with the bad."

Can't please all

The major hazard of the SAC position is that "you cannot please everyone. You don't get everybody's approval on everything you do, but that is expected."

He has dedicated himself to getting students involved and although it may be impossible, he is working hard at it.

"When you look around people are doing their own thing but at least they are involved."

The main reason why people don't get more involved is that students are here only for two years, and the only reason he had the opportunity to become president is because he is in a three-year course, Jeff said.

The constitution changes SAC is trying to bring about "will help other people," Jeff said. The attempts have been futile so far but SAC will keep on plugging for amendments.

Jeff has worked for the Bell Telephone in Brantford for the last two summers and hopes to land a permanent job there after he graduates this year because "it is a good company to work for."

Jeff lives with SAC internal affairs vice-president Brian Patterson during the school year and doesn't think it is a problem. He has been living on his own for five years and it "doesn't really pose a problem."

"Welland doesn't compare to Brantford," he laughed, "but it will be better in the future, I hope."

While Welland may not compare to Brantford, the work Jeff Adamson does in school as well as carrying the burden of running student government cannot be compared with any other student at Niagara.

College's purpose

Serve community: Dubois

By MARGARET BOYD
Staff Writer

A community college must relate well to the community which it serves, Dr. Jacques DuBois, newly-appointed member of Niagara's Board of Governors and Welland's coroner, said.

His voice husky from a winter cold, Dr. Dubois said he was asked to serve on the Board of Governors by the Council of Regents in December. He replaces Dr. Leo Sturgeon who died last summer. The innaugural meeting of the new term of the Board of Governors will be held Jan. 18.

There should be a close relationship between colleges and secondary schools and the needs of the communities, he said.

Dr. Dubois, a practising Welland physician for 30 years, has been involved with education since 1951. He was on the Welland and Niagara South Board of Education for 20 years. He was also on an advisory committee on the French language for several years.

In 1975, Dr. DuBois was chairman of a task force appointed by the Cabinet to investigate the effects of language difficulties on the medical services in Ontario. Public hearing were held in communites having 20 per cent of more of the Population French-speaking.

Woman represents Lincoln on college Board

By DOUG SMITH
Staff Writer

Barbara Ann Troup, one of the new members of the college's Board of Governors will "wait till I see just how it operates" before she sets any goals for herself.

"I have no particular goals right now, except to represent this part of the peninsula," she said.

Mrs. Troup, a native of Lincoln, was appointed, along with three others, to the board last week and feels her appointment was due mainly to a lack of representation from her part of the peninsula.

She also thinks she was appointed because there "are not very many women on the board."

Mrs. Troup has served on various committees and councils in Lincoln, most notably as alderman for the town for two years.

During her tenure as alderman she was the chairman of the recreation committee and served five years on the committee before becoming an alderman.

Mrs. Troup, a pre-school teacher, is the chairman of the library board for the town and is a member of the Association for Early Childhood Education.

She was educated at the Mack Institute at Guelph University and the University of Toronto and served as a public school trustee in the former township of Louth before becoming a member of the Niagara College Board of Governors.

Hostetter comes with 'open mind'

By MICHAEL PLONER
Staff Writer

Newly appointed Board of Governors member George W. B. Hostetter is interested in education and is coming into the job "with a very open mind."

Mr. Hostetter is one of four new Board of Governor members appointed this year.

Mr. Hostetter is not new to boards and commissions. He is a member of the Niagara District Airport Commission and was chairman of that commission for three years. He is the director of the Horticultural Council of Canada and a member of the Wine Council of Ontario and chairman of its research committee.

His past experience includes being a member of the Niagara District school board for six years and the Niagara-on-the-Lake hospital board.

"In any new appointment you have to see the situation and how to apply your experiences and strengths," Mr. Hostetter said.

"I don't have any preconceived ideas, I'm coming on with a very open mind."

Mr. Hostetter was educated at the University of Toronto and has a bachelor of science degree in agriculture.

He is director of research for Brights Wines Ltd. in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Foley new to B. of G., replaces Welland mayor

By MARY KOZIELLO
Staff Writer

You won't hear Rev. David L. Foley complaining he has nothing to do.

On Dec. 31, 1978, Father Foley was appointed to the Board of Governors for Niagara College, replacing Eugene Stranges, now mayor of Welland.

In addition to his new position, this diligent clergyman heads the history department at Notre Dame College High School in Welland and runs his own parish, Immaculate Conception, in Port Robinson.

Fr. Foley, 38, is a member of the finance committee on the Board of Governors for Notre Dame. He awaits the first board meeting of his new position to find out about difficulties Niagara College may be facing.

As if this isn't enough, he has been on the executive of the Ontario English Catholic Teachers Association for the last 10 years, serving two years as president. He was also on the joint committee of the Welland County Roman Catholic Separate School Board and Niagara South Board for developing curriculum for grades nine and 10.

At 24, Fr. Foley was ordained at a seminary in Nova Scotia. He has a BA in philosophy from the University of Notre Dame, Indiana, and main theology from Holy Cross College, Washington, D.C.

Apart from his busy schedule, he manages to find time for his favorite pastimes, listening to music and reading books. "I'll listen to any kind of music, but I really enjoy classical," he said. Fr. Foley is partial to Beethoven and Mozart.

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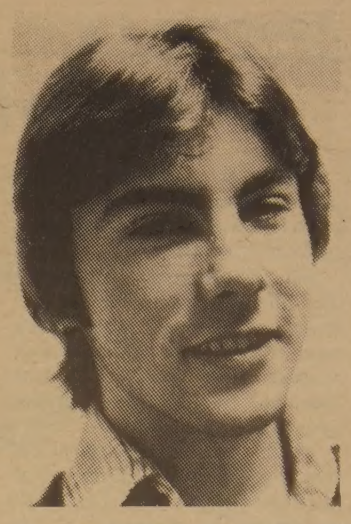
ROVING REPORTER

By EDDI VENTRESCA and PAM RIGHTON

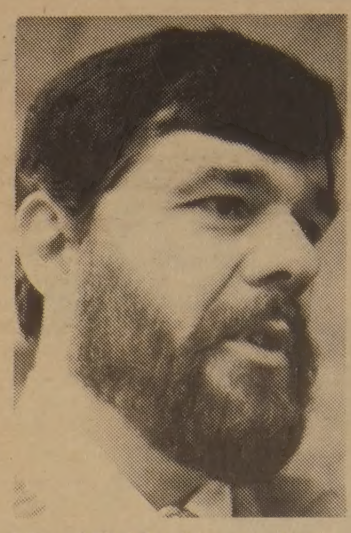
Community college students will be paying an extra $10 per term beginning in September towards increased operating costs. Ontario increased grants to post-secondary institutions by five per cent. Question: Do you think it is a fair increase and can you suggest any alternatives to raising tuition fees?

Barbara Smieska, second year dental hygiene, Stoney Creek: Ten dollars a term is not much now, but it will lead to more increases in the future. It's going to come out of our pockets even if the government pays for it. We don't get anything directly out of it. They should cut down on other costs such as the administration staff. People sitting in offices are not benefiting students.

Kathy Bilesko, second year fashion arts, Niagara Falls: It won't affect me but I don't think $10 is very much. Everything goes up in price. Our extra fees (for fashion arts) are $120 per year as compared to some people only paying $15 per year.



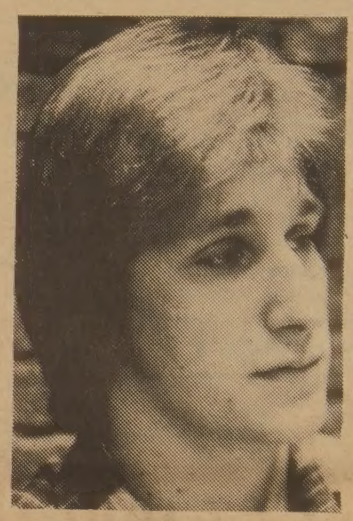
Greg Locey, first year general business, St. Catharines: I think it's a fair increase because of the drop in enrolment. It's not that much of an increase. Costs are always increasing but if you want good education you have to pay for it.



Willard Wright, human relations instructor, Welland: I think it is a good philosophy for the student to pay the cost of education within reason. As costs go up, students should accept a portion of the increase. The government should give fewer grants and more loans at lower interest rates.

Debbie Powell, second year business administration, St. Catharines: It's not that much of an increase if the colleges really need the money, but the government should tell us where the money is going. With costs always increasing, you have to expect an increase in tuition.

Larry Semenchuk, first year refrigeration and air conditioning, St. Catharines: I don't like it. They should raise other prices such as books and pub nights. It's not bad as long as it doesn't keep going up every year.



Greg Lowry, second year electronic technician, Welland: It won't affect me but I'm against all inflation. I don't know the reasons for the increase.

Phil Bergen, first year electronic technician, Niagara-on-the-Lake: I don't feel good about the increase but I guess $10 is not too bad. I don't know all the reasons for the increase.

Advisory committee

Journalism stacks up well to professional standards

Journalism students at Niagara College are ready to give newspaper editors all the qualities they want, measuring up to a survey on Journalism education in Canada by the Canadian Daily Newspaper Publishers Association.

The Journalism-Print Advisory Committee met with staff and students of the journalism program Nov. 29, and found Niagara's program stacks up well against the requirements set forward by the editors in completing the survey.

Some of the more important journalistic skills the editors desire in college graduates are writing and reporting skills, a sense of news value, spelling and grammar and a broad general knowledge.

Only seven per cent of the respondents said they were dissatisfied with the journalism school graduates in the past five years.

The Advisory Committee, made up mainly of managing editors of area newspapers, agreed the college's program fitted the requirements editors indicated in the survey.

Eight first and second year students attended the meeting, the first time students had ever met with the committee.

Students agreed the program is practical and prepared them well for a career in journalism.

Austin Jelbert, program coordinator, said job placement last year was 100 per cent for those who actively sought work and were prepared to leave the peninsula.

Larry Smith, managing editor of the St. Catharines Standard, thanked the students for attending and said their presence added a lot of "positive input" to the meeting.

Part-time day care centre relieves students, staff

The casual day care centre is off to a good start, Margaret Hamilton, early childhood education program co-ordinator, said, with four children registered on a semi-permanent basis.

The service, offered to part-time students and staff with children two to five years old, provides the same qualified care the full-time children at the centre receive. Cost is $1 an hour for children not there the entire day.

Parental attendance on campus is mandatory for the time the child is in the centre. If the parent leaves the college for some reason, another person must be designated to take responsibility for the child.

If the child must be left at the centre for a full day, a $9 charge includes two snacks and a full course lunch.

A special activities room set up in the Brant Annex, where the centre is located, can accommodate 15 children, and prevents overcrowding in the regular program, Mrs. Hamilton said. She is confident that when the part-time instructors receive their schedules, and the "news gets around," the centre will be busy.

The program began Jan. 2, 1979.

Ministry course on coaching begins Monday

Area coaches wanting official accreditation in the art and science of coaching from the Ontario ministry of culture and recreation may enrol in a National Coaching Development Level 1 Theory course starting Monday at Welland Vale.

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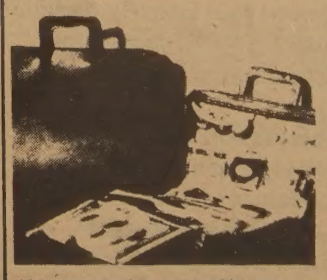

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ENTERTAINMENT

Theatre / Jazz

Christmas show

Huge spider and baboon thrill youngsters

By RON HOLLA
Staff Writer

Imaginations ran wild in the creation of special effects which made Niagara's annual Christmas show, The Fire Thief, a gift from the gods.

Presented Dec. 11 to 15 at Centennial High School in Welland, the play thrilled wide-eyed youngsters with a huge spider which fell from the ceiling, a three-headed monster, a giant baboon and other monsters accompanied with growls, grunts and howls.

Written and directed by D'Arcy McHayle, theatre arts instructor, The Fire Thief is an adaptation of the Greek myth of Prometheus, a Titan who gave man the gift of fire against the wishes of Zeus, king of the gods.

Hundreds of little eyes watched as Prometheus, played by Dan Bennett, stole fire from Mount Olympus and as cavemen, played by Michael Cleasby and Will Sutton, struggled for an old woman's purse. But the monsters themselves received the largest amount of applause as they appeared unexpectedly to attack the defenceless cave people.

EAGLE SENT BY ZEUS

Light, sound and monster construction reached a peak when a huge eagle, sent by Zeus to punish Prometheus, swooped down upon the Titan's bound body. Lights went out completely and all that could be heard were the sharp intakes of breath from the hushed children interrupted by a piercing shriek from the stage.

IN FLEET PURSUIT

Music, costumes and make-up proved particularly effective as Mercury pursued two nymphs from Mount Olympus. Fleeing nimbly from their fleet footed pursuer, Sue York, clad in a blue-green costume, and Suzanne Warnock, in yellow-green, seemed to fly across the stage as light music played in the background.

A touch of humor was provided by Mercury, messenger of the gods. Fabled for his tremendous speed, Mercury kept the audience chuckling with his appearances moments apart at opposite ends of the stage. Two brothers, Howie and Don Dodds, played Mercury so well that some theatre-goers left the play convinced Mercury was played by one person.

Alan Lee gave an especially convincing performance as Zeus, the most powerful of the gods, with his dreaded lightning bolt. Dressed as a Middle Eastern potentate with a bristling black beard, Alan also showed Zeus to be as arrogant as he was powerful, threatening at one point to kill a nymph because she had spurned his advances.

Theatre centre apprenticeship leads to Calgary and Manitoba

Four Niagara College theatre students began their New Year far from the familiar walls of the Theatre Centre as they set out on four-month apprentice programs throughout Canada.

Eileen Ernshaw, Kathyrn Kerr, Luigi Borghesan, and Larry Hurst, all third year theatre arts students, are finding out what it's like to work daily in professional theatres in Calgary, Manitoba and St. Catharines.

Eileen Ernshaw, assistant to Pat Flood at Theatre Calgary, is learning the details of being a designer. Although she receives a small stipend, she must pay her living expenses. Miss Ernshaw said she was "interested and looking forward to the work. I'm really pleased to be working in a professional theatre. As far as a future job in Calgary is concerned, it's too early to predict but I would be interested if one were offered."

AT CALGARY

Luigi Borghesan is also at Theatre Calgary in the technical department as carpenter and electrician. Trip expenses were covered by Niagara but all other costs are his. Hoping that all turns out well, he would like to work there if the opportunity arises.

Kathyrn Kerr, working with the technical director at the Manitoba Theatre Centre, was "very pleased but nervous" since she doesn't know anyone there. Proceeds from the Christmas show will help defray expenses. She is involved in the non-acting aspects as lighting and stage manager.

AT ST. CATHARINES

Larry Hurst stayed a little closer to home than his associates. He is with the Carousel Players in St. Catharines, a touring professional theatre group which performs at school throughouut the peninsula. He is studying a general approach as technical assistant.

Jazz band to play in April

Their last concert cancelled due to icy roads, Niagara's Jazz Band will have another opportunity to display its musical talents at the end of April, Gail Hilyer, chairperson of applied arts continuing education, said.

A Christmas concert was scheduled for Dec. 20 at Centennial High School, but freezing rain kept director Jim Howard in Hamilton, she said. Another concert could not be scheduled until April because Wednesday is the only day Mr. Howard can direct the band and every Wednesday until April is slated for classes.

Lighting nearly finished

Repairs to the lighting system in Niagara College's theatre centre are close to completion, I.J. Giancarlo, dean of applied arts, said.

The theatre centre on Empire Street was closed in November when the college electrician found the lighting system did not meet safety standards.

A new system would cost $30,000 and the Board of Governors decided to repair the system rather than replace it.

Mr. Giancarlo said including a new light board in next year's budget will depend on the success of the repairs.

The work, done by Glies Electric, will be finished next week and will be certified, he said.

A feasibility study for an on-campus theatre centre and for use of Brock University facilities is being prepared.

Theatre students had to go without a lighting course last term and will have to make it up this term. The Christmas production had to be moved to Centennial High School.

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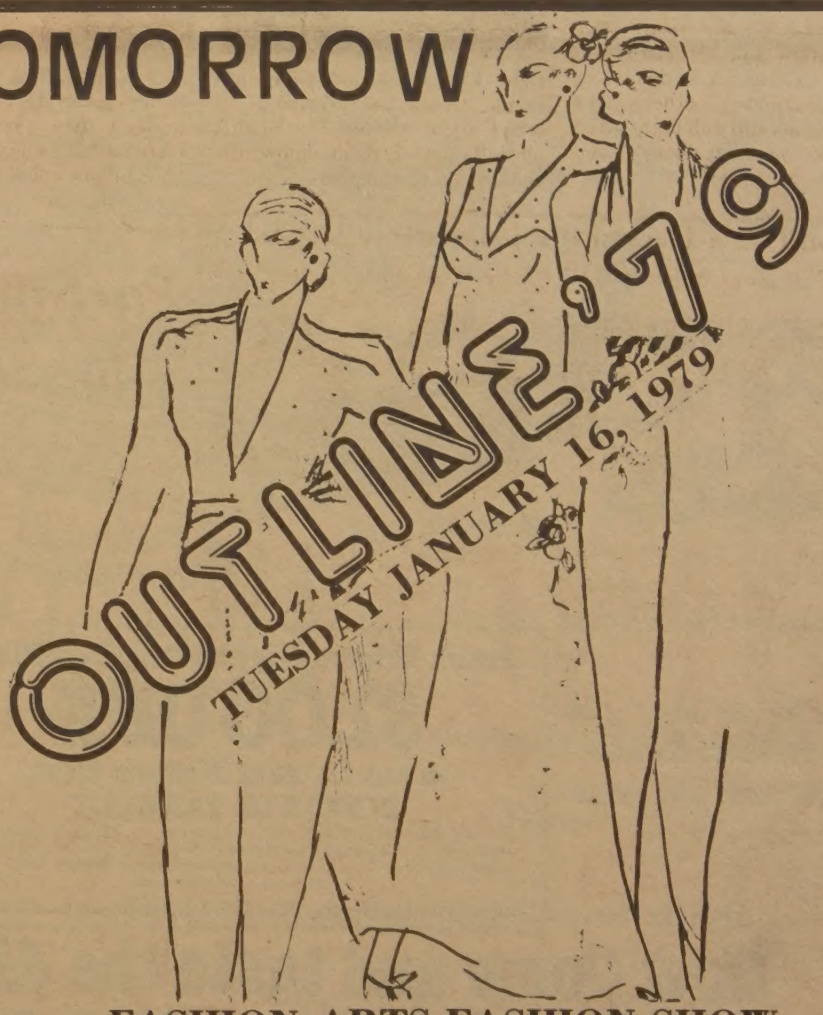

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Wind a major factor

Hypothermia — Winter wetness can kill you

By PAUL WILSON
Staff Writer

BANFF [CP] - Wardens have issued warnings about extreme cold and high avalanche hazards after the exposure deaths in Banff National Park of two cross-country skiers. Their bodies were found less than a mile from the Banff Springs Hotel.

RCMP Constable Wayne Picard said the Edmonton couple apparently fell victim to hypothermia, a condition in which the body temperature falls drastically.

"They died of hypothermia. But before they died they'd been incapable of making decisions. The body and the brain is so frozen that it's not possible to make life-saving decisions. They probably just lay down and went to sleep, even though they could have seen the lights of the hotel."

This news story appeared in Canadian papers early this month. Although the couple died in -34 degree temperatures, hypothermia is not a danger restricted to high altitudes or extreme cold.

It could happen to someone out for an afternoon's skiing along a peaceful Niagara trail. If it's windy, and the skier is wet and tired, he could die from hypothermia in temperatures above the freezing point.

Hypothermia - often referred to simply as exposure - is a lowering of the body's core temperature, perhaps by only a few degrees.

Wind and wet clothing are the two deadliest forces in robbing the body of its heat.

TRAPS AIR

When one's clothing is dry, it traps a layer of warm air against the skin. Water destroys this effect, and heat is conducted away from the skin up to 24 times faster when clothing is wet.

The head and the back of the neck are the greatest escape routes for body heat. On a winter day, one can lose one-half to three-quarters of his body heat through these two areas.

Wind greatly increases the threat of hypothermia, even when it blows a mere two mph. It carries the heat away from the body, and if clothing is wet this process happens even more quickly. Wet clothing in a nine mph wind offers only nine per cent of its dry insulating value.

The symptoms of hypothermia are quite visible. Shivering is the first sign. The body is trying to generate needed heat, and uses up even more energy in the process.

Other possible signs: loss of co-ordination, irritability, heavy speech, bluish lips, and perhaps finally a feeling of well-being and sleepiness.

REDUCE HEAT LOSS

If a person is exhibiting these symptoms, attempts should be made to reduce heat loss in whatever manner possible.

He must be moved out of the wind. Put dry clothes on him, or at least a windproof shell. Wrap the victim in a blanket or a sleeping bag if one is available and get in it with him to boost body heat.

Wool is the best material for retaining some insulative warmth, but even its effectiveness becomes drastically reduced when wet.

Parking with courtesy

Persons using parking lots are short on courtesy and long on leaving space between the car, according to Ron Jeffery, by-law enforcement officer.

"There is far too much space being wasted in the general parking lots. You don't need five or six feet between parked cars."

Mr. Jeffrey said, although it's true that people can't see the lines because they are covered with snow, they "should have the courtesy and common sense" not to park too far from the next car.

Parking lots A and C were on Jan. 8, "the closest to full I've seen for a long time" because fewer cars had taken up more space in the other lots.

"I can't tag anybody, because they'd say they couldn't see the lines, but they certainly deserve it."

It's fashion

Sportswear and eveningwear will be featured in Outline 79, a fashion show to be presented by first and second year fashion arts students on Jan. 16.

Tickets for the two shows in the Hamilton Room are available at the Student Administrative Council office. The price for the noon show is 50 cents and $1 for the 8 p.m. show.

Second year students designed and made the outfits they will be wearing. First year students designed hostess gowns and matching blouses with their own motif on the outfit.

Door prizes will be given.

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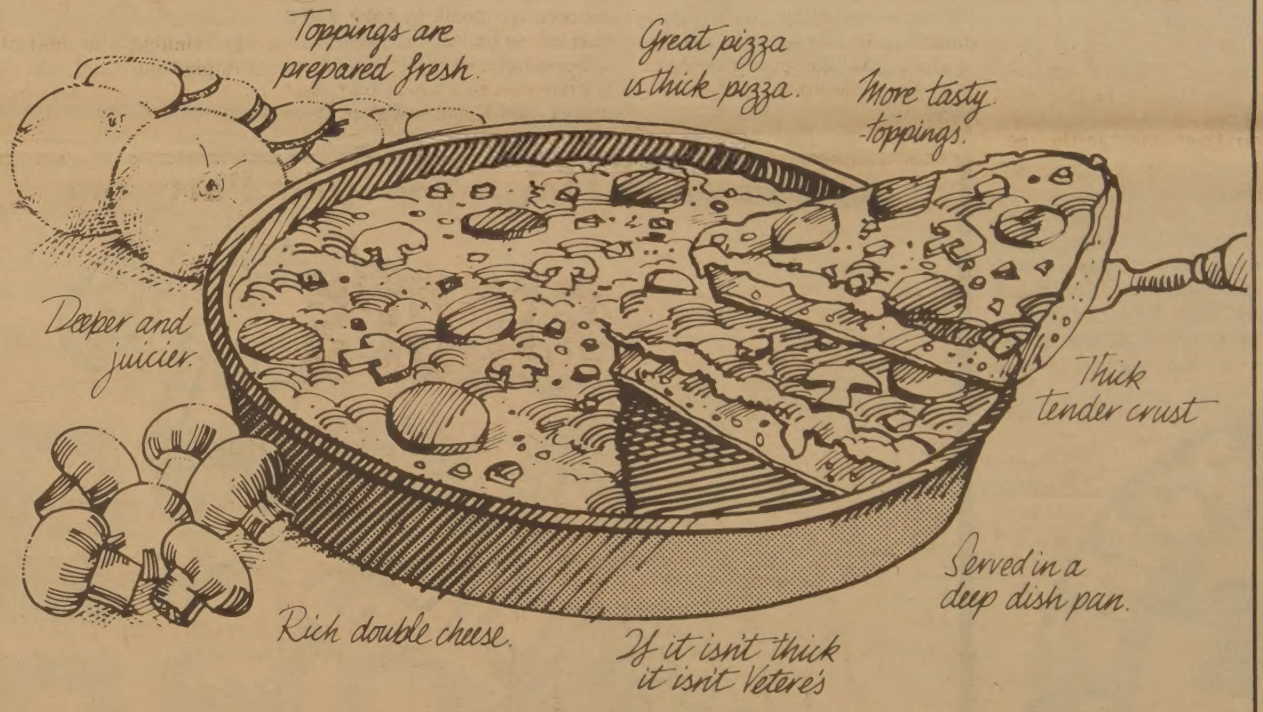
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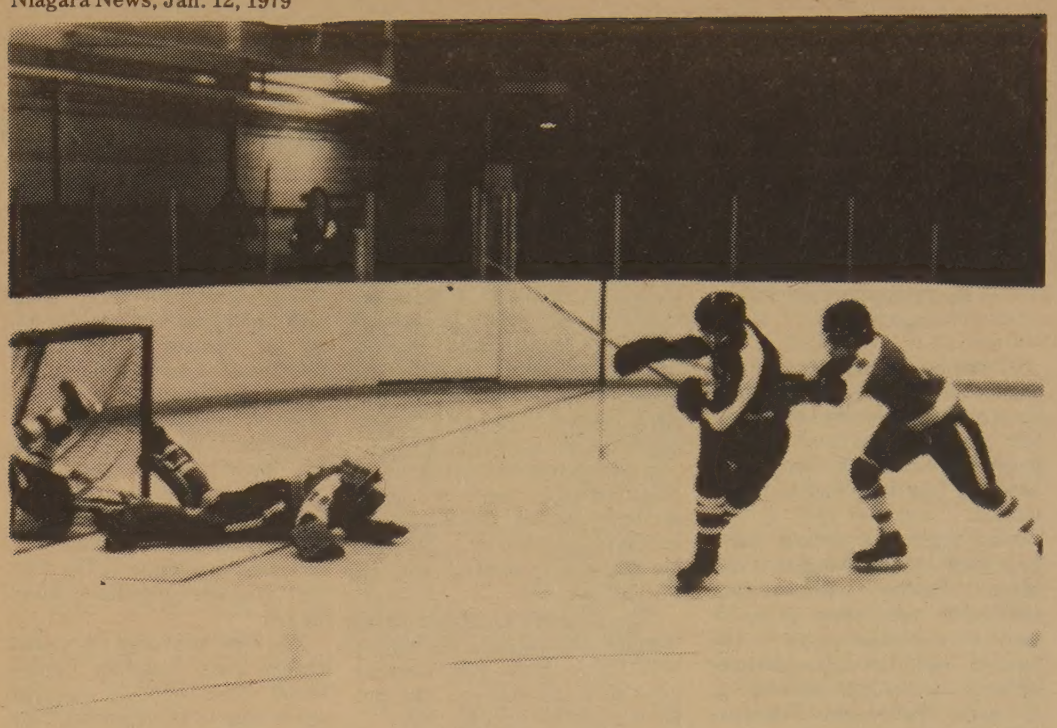

Keith Bull fires one of the 63 shots Niagara took on the Buffalo State net during their 11-1 lashing of the Bengals. The Knights overcame numerous second period penalties and scored seven times in the third period to pick up the easy win. The game was marred by numerous fights and penalties, with five players ejected. The officials called 141 minutes in penalties. (Photo by Brodie)

Big third period

Knights crush State, 11-1

By ROBERT BRODIE
Staff Writer

Stung by a rash of second period penalties, the Niagara Knights stormed back with a vengeance in the final period, scoring seven times to crush the Buffalo State Bengals 11—1 in a hockey game played at the Welland Arena Dec. 9.

The Knights played virtually the entire second period shorthanded and as a result led only 4—1. However, once they got over their penalty problems, Niagara showed their superiority.

The game formed a stark contrast to the match played by the teams one week earlier in Cheektowaga, N.Y. In that game, Niagara needed two goals in the final two minutes, including the winner with 25 seconds remaining, to eke out an 8—7 victory.

"We just worked a little harder and moved the puck better," Knights' coach Fred Bassi said. "We came out hitting more, and took advantage of situations created by our forechecking."

Keith Bull led the Niagara scoring assault with four goals. Paul Berstling scored his second hat trick in two nights and added three assists. Mike Chartrand tallied a pair of goals and set up four others.

Other Knights' goals were scored by Steve Bustard and Randy Kerr, with the latter also picking up two assists. Mike Healy scored the lone Bengal marker.

Niagara totally dominated the first period, outshooting the Bengals 23—4. Only the brilliant goaltending of Steve Metshl kept the score from going higher than 2—0. The goals were scored by Bull and Berstling.

KEPT PRESSURE ON

Niagara's new line combination of Chartrand, Kerr and Berstling kept the pressure on whenever they were on the ice, but were only able to come up with one goal in the period.

Bassi had made the change the night before against Gannon, by switching Chartrand and Bustard, with the latter becoming a centre between Bull and Larry Carter. Kerr was switched to a wing position to accommodate Chartrand

"I was trying to balance the scoring, and the two lines have really come together," Bassi said. "We've had 22 goals in two nights, so the change has helped our production which was not too effective lately.

Penalties gave Buffalo State more scoring chances in the second period, but they still trailed 4—1 at the intermission.

Rob Gibson was ejected from the game late in the period, but, the man he was involved in the altercation with did not receive the same punishment.

The Knights took only 11 minutes to complete the scoring in the final period, which was marred by two fights involving Bull and Bob Young of Niagara and Mark Beckerle and Paul McCarthy of Buffalo State.

"It got a little scrappy, but that happens sometimes," Bassi said.

Niagara outshot the Bengals 63—25 in the one-sided game. Thirty-five penalties were handed out, including five game misconducts, for a total of 141 minutes. The Knights picked up 80 penalty minutes on 20 infractions.

Icers whip Gannon in 11-7 shootout

By ROBERT BRODIE
Staff Writer

Steve Bustard and Paul Berstling each scored three goals to power the Niagara Knights to an 11-7 victory over the Gannon Golden Knights in a hockey game played in Erie, Pa., Dec. 8.

Niagara sprinted out to a 5-2 lead in the first period and was never headed in the scoring slugfest.

The hat trick by Berstling was his second of the season, while Bustard turned the trick for the first time.

Mike Chartrand scored twice for Niagara and added three assists. Randy Kerr also tallied twice for the Knights, with Keith Bull picking up the other Niagara goal.

Jeff Butitkoken and Bill Southard replied twice for Gannon, while Bob Posilovic, Larry Collins and Ken Zaken garnered singles.

Gannon opened the scoring at 1:56 of the third period on Posilovic's goal, but Niagara came back to take a 2-1 lead. The Golden Knights tied the score, but Niagara rattled off three consecutive goals to take a 5-2 lead at the end of the period.

Berstling scored at 9:25 of the third period on a power play, and it appeared Niagara was on their way to a lopsided win. However, Gannon battled back to within 6-4 before Kerr and Southard traded markers to end the period.

Niagara scored what proved to be the winning goal at 0:53 of the third period as Berstling completed his hat trick.

Three Knights goals within five minutes midway through the period built the lead to 11-6 and Niagara was home free. The final goal was scored by Bustard, polishing off his hat trick.

Niagara outshot Gannon 51-35 in the high-scoring game, and picked up 15 minor penalties. Gannon was only penalized five times. However, the Golden Knights could only score two power play goals, while Niagara tallied three times with the man advantage and twice shorthanded.

Rollerballs win

The Rollerballs breezed past the Attakat Slims in two straight games to win their third consecu tive title in Niagara's intramural hockey league.

In winning the best-of-three championship final, the Rollerballs won by scores of 5—1 and 7—3.

George Brown thrashes Niagara cagers, 62-41

Joe Braunstein pumped in 18 points to lead the George Brown Huskies to a 62-41 thrashing of the Niagara Knights in an OCAA basketball game played in Toronto Dec. 6.

Once again Niagara fell behind by a large margin at halftime and was unable to make up the deficit.

The first half was low scoring, with the Huskies leading by the football-like score of 28-14 at intermission. However, the pace did pick up in the second half, with George Brown extending their margin to 21 by the final buzzer.

Ted Kicinski of Niagara took game scoring honors with 19 points, all but four scored in the second half. Tim Chambers and Wilf Muller added eight points each for the Knights.

Nathan Blackburn and Craig Jarvis scored eight points for George Brown, with Karl Hutchinson and Henry Zelasko adding six each.

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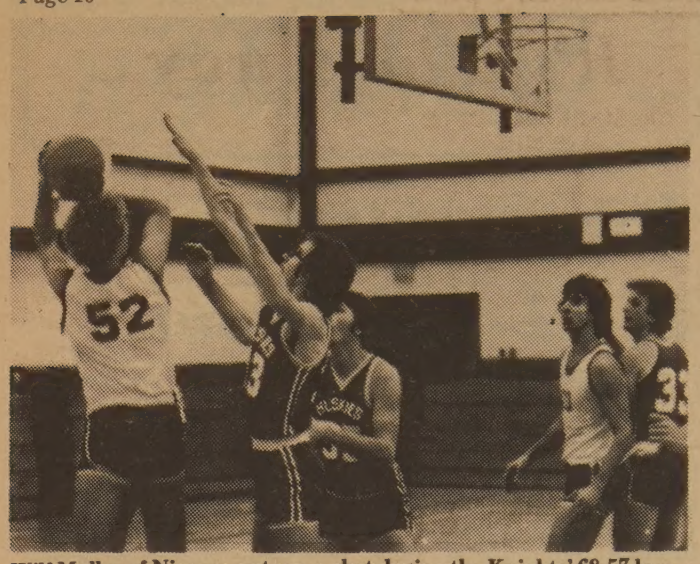

Wilf Muller of Niagara puts up a shot during the Knights' 68-57 loss.

Drought in second half, men's cagers lose 68-57

By ROBERT BRODIE
Staff Writer

A throttling zone defence and a 5½ minute scoring drought late in the second half did in the Niagara Knights as they were whipped 68-57 by the Northern Huskies in an OCAA basketball game played here Dec. 8.

The taller Northern squad palyed a tough 2-3 zone, and Niagara was unable to penetrate it or get many inside scoring opportunities. The Knights did not have the outside shooting to bust up the zone, and many missed scoring opportunities were turned into baskets by the Huskies.

However, Niagara did manage to keep the score close until 9:09 remained. At this point, Northern sealed Niagara's doom with a 12-1 scoring splurge that boosted their lead to 64-49 with 3:35 to play. The Knights never recovered from the outburst.

The Huskies arrived 55 minutes late for the game, but showed no after effects as they led virtually from start to finish. Niagara's only lead was 1-0.

The first half followed a general pattern, with Northern building up small leads only to have Niagara cut them down. The Huskies' biggest margin was 26-18, but Niagara quickly reduced that advantage to three points just minutes later.

Niagara closed to within 35-34 at the half after a baseline jumper by Ted Kicinski found the mark with two seconds remaining. The big man had a marvelous first half for Niagara, scoring 18 of his game high 28 points to keep them in the game.

Niagara managed to stay within six points for most of the second half, but Northern's zone began to stiffen and kept the Knights away from the basket. This forced the Northern lead up to eight points, but Niagara did not wilt until their dry spell late in the half.

Growing hockey violence concerns coaches, fans

By DOUG SMITH
Staff Writer

There is a growing concern about the amount of violence present in minor hockey today and coaches, fans and participants are having a hard time deciding just how bad the problem is.

Guy Snyder, a former vice-president of the Niagara Falls Minor Hockey Association (NFMHA) and father of a 16-year-old son who plays in the system, says that although there is "still a lot of high-sticking" in the game, the amount of violence has been "curbed in recent years."

Frank Girhiny, coach of a team of 15-year-olds in the NFMHA says "on the average there is not too much violence in the minor hockey system."

Roy McMurtry, who was commissioned to investigate the amount of violence in the minor hockey leagues following a brawl-filled game in 1974, cited seven causes of violence in his report to the province.

One of the causes of violence in the game today is "the failure of coaches to control players, and an emphasis on winning games rather than instilling the true value of sport and developing skills," Mr. McMurtry's report said.

Mr. Snyder says that while the "majority of coaches stress fundamentals, team play and sportsmanship" there is the "odd hot-shot coach" who employs a 'win at all costs' attitude.

Mr. Girhiny said that as a coach he stresses fundamental play and "good clean bodychecking." He will not condone "cheap shots" or violent play.

"There is a difference between good hard-hitting action and dirty stickwork," he said.

If parental pressure is present kids generally tend to "react poorly on the ice" and if a parent harasses his or her own child, the kid gets "progressively worse," Mr. Snyder said.

He said parents should "stay the hell out of it" and let the coaches do their job, because most of the parents are "not that knowledgeable to begin with."

Parents do have an influence on players and particularly on referees, Mr. Girhiny said. "They can scare the hell out of a referee" and cause the official to become biased against the team.

REFEREES INCONSISTENT

Another cause of violence, the McMurtry report said, is that referees fail to "apply existing rules, are inconsistent and lack support from fans, coaches and players."

"There's no question about it, some officials are afraid to make a call," Mr Snyder said. The quality of officiating improved for a while but has since reverted to as it was.

"There are very few good referees," Mr. Girhiny said, because most stay on the ice for three hours and are "overworked."

"They have to be consistent and clamp down on very obvious calls," he added.

"The influence of professional hockey (particularly the NHL) with its emphasis on winning and use of violence as a tactical instrument to achieve that goal," was the major cause of violence in minor hockey, the report said.

However, the players seem to get their violent tendancies "more from the Junior 'A' Flyers than from watching the NHL," Mr. Snyder said. "Violence occurs once in a while in the NHL but it happens everyday in junior hockey."

The kids "probably get violent actions from watching professional when they are younger, about nine to 12 years old," Mr. Girhiny said.

"By the time they are 15, they have to have the bad habits broken," he said.

Mr. McMurtry's report led to 10 recommendations to curb violence. All minor players must wear masks as well as helmets while they play.

They protect the players, Mr. Snyder said, but they also create a lot of high-sticking because "the players know they can't hurt the other guy."

'SUPER IDEA'

The masks are a "super idea," Mr. Girhiny said, "one of the best ideas the CAHA ever had."

We can see a bit of disagreement among those involved in minor hockey about the amount and causes of violence in the game today. But the overriding factor is that some violence is indeed present in the game today, and for the game to survive this violence must be stopped.

Knights bury Purple Eagles 8-3 backed by third period outburst

Don Marinelli's first goal of the year snapped a third-period tie and the Niagara Knights went on to bury the Niagara University Purple Eagles 8-3 at the Welland Arena Dec. 16.

Marinelli's goal came on a low shot that deflected off Eagle blueliner Tom Simmons into the net at 7:19. That opened the floodgates for the Knights, as they scored four more times before the game ended.

Niagara dressed only 13 players for the game because of injuries, suspensions and players leaving for home. This resulted in winger Brett Belaire becoming a defenceman, as well as many extra-long shifts.

The Knights were led by Mike Chartrand, who scored four times and added a pair of assists. Other Niagara scorers included Marinelli, Paul Berstling, Randy Kerr and Mark Patterson.

Tallying for the Purple Eagles were Roger Cleary, Tim McRae and T.J. Dwyer.

Niagara University opened the scoring at 12:54 of the first period on Cleary's goal, but the Knights tied it about a minute later on Berstling's marker. There was no more scoring in the period.

The Knights took a 3-1 lead in the second period on two goals by Chartrand, but the Purple Eagles managed to tie it on goals by McRae and Dwyer before the period ended. McRae's goal came on a power play.

Niagara dominated the final period, outshooting the Eagles 24-9. Knight goaltender Jim Pearce was not forced to make any tough saves until the final period of play. His best effort came on a sprawling glove save of a shot by McRae as he cut in front of the net.

OUTSHOOTS EAGLES

Niagara outshot the Eagles 50-53 in the game and picked up the majority of penalties. The Knights picked up nine penalties, including a 10-minute misconduct to Andy Cieri in the second period, while their American guests were only penalized four times.

Niagara finished the term with a 6-1-1 record in the Finger Lake Collegiate Hockey League. The Knights remain tied for second place with Erie Community College, one game behind league leading Canisius.

Niagara's fate in the league will be determined quickly after the winter break. The Knights will play two of their first four games against Canisius and another with Erie. These games, along with a road encounter in Rochester against St. John Fisher, will be played in an eight-day span, and should make or break the Knights' playoff hopes.

TIME OUT

In the Christmas edition of the Niagara News, a story on page 14 stated that Bruno Couloigner and Mike Czerlau were members of the Sheridan College basketball team.

Of course, regular readers know that both players perform for Niagara. The News apologizes to the players and the team for this error.

Another story on page 17 made mention of Don Gibson of the Knights' hockey team. The man's name is Rob Gibson.

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Olympian to coach rowers

As a former Olympic oarsman, John McIntyre should know a good rowing club from a bad one. As South Niagara Rowing Club's new coaching co-ordinator, he feels it is a club "to be reckoned with."

"When you hear the word South Niagara, you're going to think of rowing," Mr. McIntyre said.

Mr. McIntyre, a math and English instructor at Welland Vale Centre who rowed the number two position for the Canadian heavy eight in the 1968 Summer Olympics, said Welland has a superior rowing course, "considered to be the fairest in Ontario.

"Welland is an excellent site for rowing," Mr. McIntyre said. "The club would give a strong base for crews coming out of Welland. This area is already producing really hot oarspersons, especially in women's rowing."

As coaching co-ordinator, Mr. McIntyre sees his job as a go-between for the coaches, executives and oarspersons. "They need someone to arbitrate. Coaching is a possibility, but not until the other things get settled."

It was not until he graduated from the University of Western Ontario as a history major that Mr. McIntyre rowed. "I had played football in high school and university, but to get back into shape a friend of mine suggested rowing."

Mr. McIntyre said his friend told him he'd "make the Olympics in one year."

JOHN MCINTYRE

Whether he took it seriously or not, Mr. McIntyre did join the St. Catharines Rowing Club in 1964. "It was then that I realized what a grueling time rowing was. I thought it was fortunate that I made the junior team."

"Rowing is hard work," he said. "The better you are the harder you have to work. You have to have discipline."

Mr. McIntyre said he was a member of the winning four-man junior team in 1964.

"In 1965 we had a good crew, but our senior crew came second to the 1964 Olympic champions," he said. "Winning is everything in rowing."

In 1966 Mr. McIntyre said both the four and eight-man teams won the North American rowing championships. "It's considered unusual to win both the four and eight but we did."

After a brief one-year retirement, at age 26, Mr. McIntyre started training for the 1968 Olympics held in Mexico City.

"We won every race that year. They had to select us for the Olympics. We even won the North American championship."

Mr. McIntyre's team came in ninth place at the Olympics.

"It was quite a comedown to lose. We did very badly. I remember that two people had bronchitis and one had bronchial-pneumonia. He passed out halfway through the race."

Mr. McIntyre said the Canadian team was very cohesive. "Any top team has to be cohesive. Any weak lines and the coach would have divided the team into four-man crews. Most fellows would rather not row at all than row with a weak link."

Niagara South is not Mr. McIntyre's only rowing endeavor since the Olympics. He's coached Ridley College to four Canadian rowing championships in eight years and "a bunch of second-places as well."

In 1977 he was rowing coach for the Youth Championships in Tampere, Finland, an experience he calls "quite interesting."

Cross country plod

It's a long way...

By MARGARET BOYD
Staff Writer

They can be seen every morning, blue with cold or weak with exertion. Others, more adventurous, go by skis or bike. The Peripatetic Pedagogue Plodders plod on, heedless of the biting cold and snowdrifts.

To raise money for the Celebrate Canada Festival, college staff members have generously offered to combine their efforts, frozen toes and noses in a cross-Canada plod.

Participants in the plod are sponsored by friends, relatives and students to walk, run, swim, ski, skate or bike across Canada. A map is posted in the college cafeteria to show the progress of the plodders.

Five schools within the college are involved in the plod: applied arts [with a 370 km lead], health sciences, technology, college services and student services.

HALF-TIME GONE

It is past the midpoint of the Nov. 15 to Feb. 15 cross-Canada hike, which sees the school of applied arts in Baskatong Reservior, Que., with 1312 km, followed by student services in Riviere du Loup, N.B., with 942 km. The school of health sciences which originally challenged the other schools to the 4,042-walk, is third place in Grand Falls, N.B., followed by the school of technology with 213 km and college services with 68 km. Technology has four staff members participating, college services has three, student services has 11, applied arts has 23 and health sciences has 24.

The plod officially started in Halifax on Nov. 15; the plodders have until Feb. 15 to reach Vancouver.

Dolores Forsythe, secretary to Gail Hilyer, chairperson, continuing education division of applied arts, has the highest score in the college, 248 miles. She does her walking on the weekends mostly, with a pedometer for accuracy. Mrs. Forsythe like to walk along the canal although the recent snowstorms may force her to take an urban route.

Dale Masterson and **Mary McGrath**, resource centre librarians, meet at 8:30 a.m. and walk around the campus for a half hour.

ENDS AT START

The race to Vancouver ends on on Feb. 15 — the day the Celebrate Canada Festival begins. Mystery prizes will be awarded to the team with the most miles and individual with the highest number of miles walked.

Winter may not be everbody's favorite season but the Peripatic Pedagogue Plodders aren't letting winter get them down.

Lots cleared earlier

Snow removal services have improved over last year with parking lots being cleared for early morning arrivers at the college. Jack Spittle, manager of plant and property, said he is pleased with the results.

A new contractor for snow removal was hired in August, 1978, and started working on the first snowfall of the season. Costs of the snow removal are likely to be higher this year than last year becasue the base cost of labor has increased, Mr. Spittle said.

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Dental instructor: the sky is the limit

By PAM RIGHTON
Staff Writer

A small silver stickpin in the shape of an airplane is not really as incongruous as it looks pinned to the jacket of Sandra Stewart, dental auxiliary program instructor at Niagara College. She has just obtained her private pilot's licence.

Mrs. Stewart took flying lessons with Dan Air Limited, a government-approved flying school, at the Welland-Port Colborne Airport. A minimum of 12 hours flying dual and 12 hours of flying solo is required to obtain a pilot's licence, in addition to 20 hours of ground school and a three-hour Ministry of Transportation written exam.

Since "planes have nothing to do with teeth," learning to fly was a totally different experience, combined with the opportunity to meet people with other interests, Mrs. Stewart said. Her husband, Donald, a dental surgeon, got "hooked" three years ago after going up on on orientation flight and has since obtained his licence.

Dan Air Limited uses the Cessna 150, a small two-seater training plane popular with many flying schools. George Wolfe, ground school instructor, estimated the cost of obtaining a licence to be about $1,800, which is completely tax deductible. The average person needs 40 to 45 hours of flying time to qualify, he said.

Ground school, going hand-in-hand with flying time, provides instruction in such areas as theory of flight, air regulations, navigation, meteorology, engines and radio. Mrs. Stewart was the only female in her ground school class.

Mrs. Stewart felt her first real feat was going solo. When her instructor jumped out of the plane and she had to taxi down the runway, take off, complete the circuit and land the plane alone without any advance notice there was no time to get nervous.

Her first cross-country flight, from Welland to St. Thomas and Brantford, was another accomplishment, Mrs. Stewart said. Experience gained from organizing pre-flight plans, and entering and exiting from controlled airports built confidence.

CAUSE ACCIDENTS

Loss of respect for the plane and overconfidence cause accidents, she said.

There are no special requirements to take flying lessons, other than passing a medical and an eye test, Mr. Wolfe said. Dan Air offers an $11 orientation flight for those considering flying lessons. The individual must be 17 years of age to try for a licence, but can begin lessons at 16 years of age.

Qualified personnel conduct the flight test, where all manoeuvres must be executed to standard.

Tuition increase

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occur because of the increasing enrolment in community colleges. She said the operating grants didn't adequately cover the increased enrolment in community colleges. Miss Robarts said she hoped the grants would shift by $6 million or $7 million to the community colleges but only half-a-million dollars moved into the college system. "It's a bit like peanuts," Miss Robarts said.

A new funding mechanism could be announced by the council of Regents at the end of January and give Niagara an increase in its grant, Miss Robarts said. She said Niagara's budgeters will plan for the five per cent increase.

Jeff Adamson, Niagara College student council president, said the tuition increases contradict what the Council of Regents told an October meeting of community college representatives. Norman Williams, Council of Regents chairman, told the meeting that no tuition increases would occur in 1979, Mr. Adamson said.

SAC meeting no comedy act

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"As far as I am concerned, a general meeting is not a comedy act and it's about as important as a Board of Governors meeting to the students," Jeff said. "If they are really interested, students should come out to meetings instead of sitting back and complaining. If they cannot wait for us to come to them, they have to make an attempt to come to us."

NEED FEEDBACK

Gail Caperchione, SAC club convener, said, "We need feedback, but why doesn't she come and talk to us, and not try slandering us in the News when she doesn't know the facts."

In the letter, Ms Landry said the way to become a member of SAC is to first "have your name printed on banners and hang (sic) in lobbies, second DO NOT be a courteous candidate and present yourself to the students. . . be part of a clique and remain that way, fourth. . . do nothing to make yourself acquainted with the thousands of students you are supposed to be representing."

Jeff said, "Banners are a typical step in campaigning for anyone, be it the president of SAC, the president of the United States, or the Prime Minister of Canada."

"Posters are just one campaign aspect."

He said SAC candidates also tried to "show our faces and let the students know who we are" through visits to satellite campuses, meeting students at the main campus and publicizing their platforms in the News.

Pictures and statements from each SAC candidate appeared in issues of the Niagara News last year.

HAD ORIENTATION

"Everybody on council attended one or more orientation classes at the beginning of this year to let people know who we are, what we represent and activities we sponsor," Jeff said.

"We did make an attempt to make ourselves known to the main campus," he said, "and tried to be as courteous as possible while campaigning."

As for the clique, Jeff said, "We try to spread ourselves around, and numerous times we tell people that if they have problems to bring them to us. But they don't, so we get the understanding that everything is okay.

If she (Ms Landry) had come to us and let us know before it came to this, the situation could have been cleared up long ago."

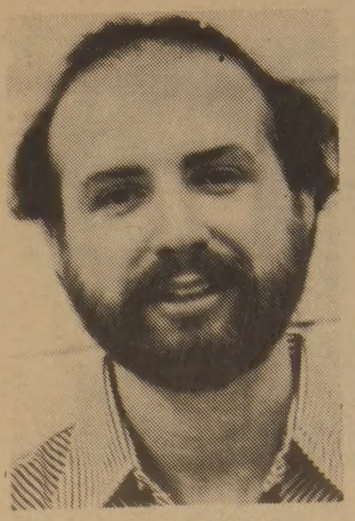
WHAT ARE REPS?

"Division reps — what divisions? Who are they? Who are they representing? How have they become division reps?" the letter asks.

Division representatives are chosen by class representatives at the beginning of the year, and there are still some divisions that lack voting representatives. Ms Landry's division, second year applied arts, does not have a division representative and, when informed of this, she said she "didn't know about the representative situation."

Ms Landry has attended the two meetings where a lack of students wouldn't allow constitutional changes to be made, but said she "didn't think they (general meetings) were open to everyone."

She complained that "some very important motions were passed (at the last general meeting) and without a moment's hesitation."



JEFF ADAMSON

The "very important motions" included payment of $35.23 to Jeff for expenses he incurred.

Jeff said he reads the amounts of each payment and will wait to give students "the opportunity to voice their opinion. But everybody sits back and doesn't take the chance to find out the details."

He then opens the meetings for general discussion and "still nobody participates."

In her letter, Ms Landry called Niagara a "glorified high school."

"If she wants to think of it as a high school, that is what it is going to be, but if people think of it as a college, it will be better for us all," Jeff said.

NOT HIGH SCHOOL

"In my opinion, the meeting was not held in the fashion of a glorified high school."

The letter, Jeff felt, seemed to show that Ms Landry felt students did not know, or care, about activities other than pubs that SAC organized or helped.

"Most students show no interest in the administration of the college, just have a weekly pub and they're happy," the letter said.

"It seems she just says there are pubs and nothing else," he said, "but it is totally wrong."

"We do sponsor other activities, besides pubs, such as the athletic department for intramurals so people can get involved."

The council sponsored a committee so there would be a yearbook this year; it organized a winter formal, plans are being made for a spring formal, and it works "hand-in-hand with the Celebrate Canada Festival," Jeff said.

It is trying to organize a snow sculpture contest in conjunction with the festival as well as a winter carnival the week preceding Celebrate Canada.

At the meeting Tuesday, SAC tried in vain to get 125 people to attend so that changes could be made in the constitution.

"Letters were sent to the teachers to be distributed to the students; evidently they weren't," the letter stated.

"There is no way I or the other six members of SAC can go around to each student, and we thought a letter would do the trick," Jeff said, but it "didn't work, obviously."

Gail said the problem with the letter to the editor was that Ms Landry "formed her own opinions but got a lot of the facts wrong. We're always here and open to constructive criticism."

Gail perhaps summed up the problem as well as it could be when she said, "she (Ms Landry) makes all these criticisms but offers no solutions to the so-called problems."

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